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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/669,817 filed September 26, 2000

Inventors: Joseph R. BYRUM et al.

Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Atty. Dkt: 16517.315

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

- 1. Form PTO/SB/17 (Fee Transmittal for FY 2004);
- 2. Response to Office Action mailed May 6, 2004; and
- 3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

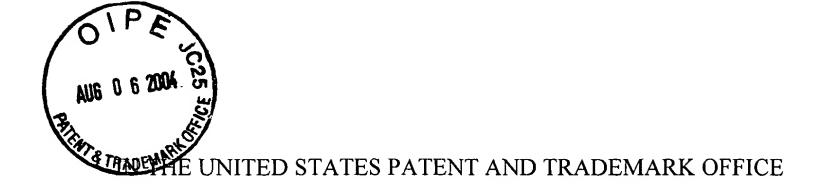
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Sincerely,

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Enclosures



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In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.